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| | | | or Section 30(n) of the investment Company Act of 1940 | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Lamb Peter (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O EXELIXIS, INC. 210 E. GRAND AVE. | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>EXELIXIS, INC.</u> [EXEL] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/28/2016 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) EVP, Scientific Strategy & CSO | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO (City) | CA (State) | 94080 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | | Table I - Non-D | Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Ben | eficially Owned | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Date (Month/Day/Year) | if any | 3. Transa Code (8) | ction | 4. Securities A Disposed Of (I | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | de V Amount (A) or (D) | | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (1150.4) |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|--|------------|---|---------|---|---|-----------|--|
| | Security | | | Code | v | of (D) (In 3, 4 and 5 (A) | | Date Expiration | | Amount or Number Title of Shares | | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$1.7 | 04/28/2016 | | Α | | 100,000 | | 04/28/2016 ⁽¹⁾ | 09/18/2021 | Common Stock | 100,000 | \$0 | 100,000 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Option (right to buy) | \$1.9 | 04/28/2016 | | A | | 43,750 | | 04/28/2016 ⁽³⁾ | 02/04/2022 | Common Stock | 43,750 | \$0 | 43,750 ⁽⁴⁾ | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. On September 19, 2014, the Reporting Person was granted a performance-based stock option to purchase 400,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the Exelixis, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. Vesting of the option is tied to performance goals set by the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") as follows: (i) 50% of the option will vest if the Committee determines that top-line efficacy data received from the METEOR plase 3 pivotal trial of cabozantinib in metastatic renal cell carcinoma ("mRCC") met its primary endpoint at a specified level, with such result to occur no later than a specified date; (ii) 25% of the option will vest if the Committee confirms that a new drug application ("NDA") for cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC is accepted for review by the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") by a specified date; and (iii) 25% of the option will vest if the Committee confirms that the FDA has approved cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC by a specified date.

2. On April 28, 2016, the Committee convened to determine that the NDA for cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC was approved by the FDA within the time period permitted by the performance goals, resulting in the vesting of the option as to the remaining 100,000 shares.

3. On February 5, 2015, the Reporting Person was granted a performance-based stock option to purchase 175,000 shares of common stock pursuant to the Exelixis, Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan. Vesting of the option is tied to performance goals set by the Committee as follows: (i) 50% of the option will vest if the Committee determines that top-line efficacy data received from the METEOR phase 3 pivotal trial of cabozantinib in mRCC met its primary endpoint at a specified level, with such result to occur no later than a specified date; (ii) 25% of the option will vest if the Committee confirms that an NDA for cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC is accepted for review by the FDA by a specified date; and (iii) 25% of the option will vest if the Committee confirms that the FDA has approved cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC by a specified date.

4. On April 28, 2016, the Committee convened to determine that the NDA for cabozantinib for the treatment of mRCC was approved by the FDA within the time period permitted by the performance goals, resulting in the vesting of the option as to the remaining 43,750 shares.

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Jeffrey J. Hessekiel, Attorney</u> 04/29/2016

in Fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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